Flag Flying Policy & Protocol

Whittle-Le-Woods Parish Council has adopted the UK Government, Department for Communities and Local Government, Plain English Guide to Flying Flags, Nov 2012.   
A copy of the guide can be found here: [Flying flags: a plain English guide - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flying-flags-a-plain-english-guide), or can be provided upon request.

All flag flying is subject to some standard conditions  
(a) Flags which do not need consent  
(b) Flags which do not require consent provided they comply with certain restrictions  
(c) Flags which require consent  
Further information can be found in the guide.

Flags flown by Whittle-Le-Woods Parish Council  
The following Flags have been agreed by the Parish Council and will be flown as per the UK Government Guidance

* The Union Flag
* The Cross of St George Flag
* The Cross of St Andrew Flag
* The Cross of St Patrick Flag
* The Flag of Wales (Y Ddraig Goch, meaning ' the red dragon ')
* The NHS Social Care and Frontline Workers’ Day flag
* The Armed Forces Day Flag
* The Rainbow Flag
* Whittle-Le-Woods Parish Crest

The Flags will be flown on the following days or dates

Flag Days

1. Days for flying the Union Flag

1.1 The Union Flag will be flown on the following days with the exception of those dates listed at Section 2 of this policy. The Union Flag will be flown at Full Mast, all day.   
HM Accession to the crown on 6th February

HM Queens Birthday 21st April

Coronation Day 1st June

HM Queens Official Birthday 2nd Saturday in June

Remembrance Sunday 2nd Sunday in November

1.2 Whittle-Le-Woods Parish Crest

The Whittle-Le-Woods Parish Crest will be flown on those days which are not in conflict with any of the guidance above.

2. Days on which Whittle-Le-Woods Parish Council flies’ other flags

2.1 St Davids Day Flag

The Welsh Dragon Flag will fly on 1st March.

2.2 St Patricks Day Flag

The St Patricks Day Flag will fly on 17th March.

2.3 St Georges Day Flag

The St George’s Day Flag will fly on 23rd April.

2.4 Rainbow Flag

The Rainbow Flag will fly every year in support of the Pride Movement and to

demonstrate the Council’s commitment to equality and the inclusion of all its

citizens. The Rainbow flag will fly for the 1st full week in June of each year.

2.5 Armed Forces Flag

The Armed Forces Flag will fly for one week every year in support of the

nation’s armed forces. The Armed Forces Flag will fly for the last full week on June to coincide with armed forces week.

2.6 The NHS Social Care and Frontline Workers’ Day flag

The NHS Social Care and Frontline Workers’ Day flag will fly on 5th July

2.7 St Andrews Day Flag

The Scottish Saltire Flag will fly on 30th November.

3. Occasions on which the Union Flag is to be flown at Half Mast

The Parish Council will decide when the Union Flag is to be flown at half-mast.   
Such occasions may include: -

(i) On the announcement of the death of the Sovereign.

(ii) The funeral of a member of the Royal Family.

(iii) The funeral of a foreign ruler.

(iv) The funeral of the Prime Minister or an ex-Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

(v) Other prominent individuals who have influenced the social, economic or cultural life in Whittle-Le-Woods.

Note: Half Mast means the flag is flown two-thirds of the way up the flagpole, with at least the height of the flag between the top of the flag and the top of the flagpole.

4. Policy Review

The Policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure fitness for purpose.

NB: Any request to fly a flag, other than the flags listed above, will be considered and determined by the Parish Council, following the guidelines adopted.